

*APPLICANT SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER*

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Anwar for his time and feedback during the interview held on October 14, 2010, with one of applicants' attorneys, Dmitry Kapmar. Proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed as well as the Saleh and Patil references. In particular, it was discussed that failure state detection in claim 1 is divided along the path, where the source node and the work destination and protection destination nodes each detect failure states along different path components. The Examiner indicated that amendments that clarify the split in failure state detection among different parts of the path may be looked upon favorably. Said amendments, including amendments further clarifying the nature of the various nodes of claim 1, are submitted in this response.